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Tribal Information

Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s (PVT's) study area presently includes 450 acres of Tribal land. The land was originally owned by an individual and then was deeded to the Mescalero Tribe.

However, there is no need for coordination with Tribal government pursuant to §54.313(a)(9) because there are no buildings on this land that would require any type of telephone or broadband service and thus no service is provided to the Tribal land. Furthermore, PVT has agreed to relinquish this 450 acre area to Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. (MATI), which would cause it to become part of MATI's study area, and the parties are currently pursuing regulatory approval of the transfer.

The New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission granted its approval of the transfer on November 26, 2013 (Case #13-00080-UT, filed March 13, 2013), and the parties have filed a Joint Petition for Waiver of Study Area Definition with the Federal Communications Commission (CC Docket No. 96-45, filed February 24, 2014). A comment cycle for the Joint Petition has been initiated.

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The national average is above Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. rates in all exchanges.

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Telephone Assistance Application Form for New Mexico

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone Number: _____

PLEASE FILL OUT PART A - OR - PART B. DO NOT FILL OUT BOTH.

A: I, or a member of my household, currently participate in the following program(s): **Check all that apply**

- ☐ Medicaid ☐ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
☐ Food Stamps ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF)
☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ☐ National School Lunch program (NSL)
☐ Federal Public Housing Assistance, including Section

B: If you **DO NOT** participate in one of the programs listed above, you may qualify for telephone assistance based on the size and income level of your household. Please check the box below which applies to your household and attach one of the supporting documents described to the right:

Size of Household (Please check box)	Annual Household Income (150% of Federal Poverty Level)	Acceptable Types of Income Documentation (Please attach copy of one of these documents)
1	\$17,506	Previous Year State/Federal or Tribal Tax Return
2	\$23,596	Veterans Administration statement of benefits
3	\$29,686	Social Security Administration statement of benefits
4	\$35,776	Retirement/pension statement of benefits
5	\$41,866	Unemployment/Workers Compensation statement of benefits
6	\$47,956	Current year-to-date earnings statement from an employer or 3 consecutive months of pay stubs
7	\$54,046	Federal or tribal notice of participation Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
8	\$60,136	Divorce decree or child support wage assignment statement
No. _____	Add \$6,090 for each additional person	

If you have telephone service with more than one company, you must select which company you would like to receive the Lifeline assistance from. You may not receive Lifeline from more than one company.

I agree to notify my phone company when I or a member of my household no longer participates in any of the above qualifying public assistance programs or when there has been a change in my family size or income level.

I certify under penalty of perjury the above information is true and that I am not receiving Lifeline credits on any other telephone account. I have read the information on this application and understand I must meet the above qualifications to receive Telephone Assistance (Lifeline).

Signature

Date

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Low Income Telephone Assistance Program

Available Programs

Every person in America should have access to quality, affordable telecommunications service. This principle of **Universal Service** has been the goal of the telecommunications industry for decades. In 1934, the federal government codified the goal and reaffirmed it in 1996 by establishing policies for the **preservation and advancement of Universal Service**.

To achieve the Universal Service goal, carriers have access to a fund that is generated by contributions from the telecommunications providers in the United States. Telecommunications companies draw from the fund to provide for programs that support telecommunications services nationwide. The **Lifeline Assistance Program** (Lifeline) is part of the Fund's Low-Income Program as described in this brochure. **Toll Denial Service** is another program available to low income subscribers to help them control what they spend on telephone service.

Lifeline and Toll Limitations Service Support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them maintain telephone service.

Services Offered

Basic monthly service is \$15.28 per month which includes:

- Unlimited Local Calling
- 911 Service
- Direct & Operator Services

What type of discounts are available?

- **Lifeline** assistance lowers the cost of basic monthly local telephone service. Thanks to Federal and State support, eligible consumers can receive \$12.75 per month in discounts.
- **Toll Denial Service (TDN)** allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring long distance fees to choose toll blocking at no cost if qualified for LITAP.

If you have additional questions about the information contained in this brochure, please contact our customer service representatives at **575.748.1241, 1.800.505.4844** or the Consumer Relations Division of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) at **1-888-427-5772**.

How do I know if I am eligible?

PVT follows FCC supported guidelines and is subject to state regulations. Individuals are eligible if participating in one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch
- Household income is at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines.

In addition, you may qualify for telephone assistance based on the size and income level of your household. See reverse side for guidelines.



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